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SUBJECT: MYONGDONG TRIALS

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1. YOU SHOULD CONFIRM TO ACTING FONMIN AT EARLIEST  
POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY THAT BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH  
WE ATTACH TO HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GREAT INTEREST IN US IN  
MYONGDONG CASE WE OBVIOUSLY WILL NOT REMAIN SILENT ON  
FURTHER ROKG ACTION IN CASE. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE OUR  
CONTINUING STRONG CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS, NOTING OUR  
APPROACHES ON THIS MATTER, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT'S  
DISCUSSION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER MARCH 9.

2. NATURE OF OUR COMMENTS ON CASE WILL DEPEND PARTLY  
ON MEANING OF SUPREME COURT'S ACTION AND WE ARE CONFUSED  
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BY YOON'S COMMENTS. PLEASE TRY TO GET URGENT CLARIFICATION  
OF LEGAL SITUATION. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION BASED ON  
KIM CHOL HYUN CASE, THAT SUPREME COURT REVIEW IS LAST  
LEGAL ACTION BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OF SENTENCES AND THAT  
THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR FURTHER APPEALS. EXECUTIVE  
CLEMENCY MAY OR MAY NOT BE FORTHCOMING, BUT IN ANY CASE IS  
TAKEN AT INITIATIVE OF EXECUTIVE.

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